

FW
AF

PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 04329.2470-01000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Shoji SETA et al.) Group Art Unit: 1722
Application No.: 10/602,072) Examiner: F. HITESHEW
Filed: June 24, 2003) Confirmation No.: 1239
For: DRY ETCHING METHOD AND)
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE)
MANUFACTURING METHOD)

Mail Stop: ISSUE FEE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56 and 1.97(d), applicants bring to the Examiner's attention the documents listed on attached Form PTO/SB/08 and cited in an office action issued in the counterpart Japanese patent application. Copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the documents listed on attached Form PTO/SB/08 and indicate consideration thereof by making an appropriate notation on this form.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after a Notice of Allowance, but before payment of the Issue Fee, and therefore Applicant is submitting

herewith a check in the amount of \$180.00 under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) and a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e).

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e), Applicant states that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

The documents listed on the accompanying Form PTO/SB/08 are in a non-English language. In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of the non-English documents, enclosed is an English-language translation of the Office Action from the Japanese Patent Office in the counterpart application citing these documents and setting forth the relevance thereof.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute “prior art.” If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute “prior art” under United States law, applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents. Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

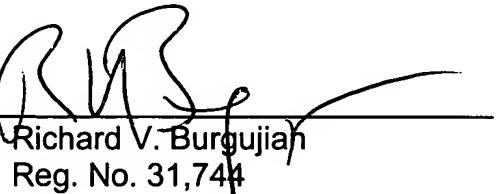
If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW,
GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P.

Dated: June 20, 2005

By:


Richard V. Burgujian
Reg. No. 31,744

RVB/FPD/kim

IDS Form PTO/SB/08: Substitute for form 1449A/PTO				<i>Complete if Known</i>													
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT <i>(Use as many sheets as necessary)</i>				<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Application Number</td> <td>10/602,072</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Filing Date</td> <td>June 24, 2003</td> </tr> <tr> <td>First Named Inventor</td> <td>Shoji SETA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Art Unit</td> <td>1722</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Examiner Name</td> <td>F. HITESHEW</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Attorney Docket Number</td> </tr> </table>		Application Number	10/602,072	Filing Date	June 24, 2003	First Named Inventor	Shoji SETA	Art Unit	1722	Examiner Name	F. HITESHEW	Attorney Docket Number	
Application Number	10/602,072																
Filing Date	June 24, 2003																
First Named Inventor	Shoji SETA																
Art Unit	1722																
Examiner Name	F. HITESHEW																
Attorney Docket Number																	
Sheet	1	of	1	04329.2470-01000													

U.S. PATENTS AND PUBLISHED U.S. PATENT APPLICATIONS

Note: Copies of the U.S. Patent Documents are not Required in IDS filed after October 21, 2004

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials	Cite No.	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	Translation
		Country Code Number Kind Code (<i>if known</i>)				
		JP 7-74147	03-17-1995			No

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials	Cite No.	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	Translation
		Notification of Reasons for Rejection (Office Action) for Japanese Patent Application No. 1999-372006, dated April 20, 2005 and English translation thereof.	Yes

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
-------------------------------	--	----------------------------	--

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.